

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<b>Application No.:</b> 10/817,125	<b>Confirmation No.</b> 1507
<b>Application of:</b> Muhanna, et al.	<b>Group Art Unit:</b> 3733
<b>Filing Date:</b> April 2, 2004	<b>Examiner:</b> Swiger III, James L.
<b>Title:</b> Ball Jointed Pedicle Screw and Rod System	<b>Docket No.</b> M112 1140.1 <b>Customer No.</b> 26158

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action of July 9, 2008. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.